I wanted to let you know how important XM's services have become to myself, and my family. The weather and traffic service is a godsend, as it's real-time, and not a service available from the over-the-air stations in the Houston area. If you've ever driven in Houston, you know how important that information can be. I pay for these premium services, and gladly... I do not feel they should be subject to the whims of fat-cat broadcast giants with their vested interests and paid lobbists. These same corporations are the first to trumpet First Ammendment rights if it's their product that is even hinted at being restricted. It's the height of hypocrisy for them to now attempt to dictate what I am allowed to purchase with my own money.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject, unequivocally, NAB's petition 04-160. It is self-serving tripe of the worst kind, and has no place in a democratic society. If the NAB wants to win my listenership, try providing a service I want, instead of restricting competition by legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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